THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA] : (a) to (e) According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission, a number of steps have been taken by the Commission to improve the standards of university education in the country. These include framing of regulations regarding minimum qualifications for appointment of teachers in universities and colleges, conduct of National Eligibility Test for appointment of teachers, emphasis on accreditation of the educational institutions by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), conferment of autonomous status to colleges, performance linked funding to the universities and conferring the status of universities with potential for excellence to certain selected universities. Besides above, the UGC also has a proposal to start certain schemes like identifying and funding of Colleges of Excellence; networking of universities and colleges; provision of computers to all the colleges, etc. There is, however, no move by the UGC to change the existing norms in the appointment of university teachers.

Grants to Madarsas

†1141. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Madarsas run by minorities in various States, are being provided with grants from Government;

(b) if so, the amount of money provided to these Madarsas as grant during 1998-1999, 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 respectively; and

(c) the number of these Madarsas, State-wise, and the names of States wherein these Madarsas are being run?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) Yes, Sir. Under the Scheme of financial asistance for modernization of Madarsa education 100% financial assistance is given to State Governments for voluntary organizations/ societies/trusts which are registered under Central or State Government Acts or Wakf Boards.

(b) The amount of money provided to these Madarsas as grant during last four years is as follows :

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

Year	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002
Amount (Rs. in Lakhs)	673.85	460.76	661.11	201.08

(c) The Statement is enclosed.

Statement

State-wise Grants to Madarsas

S.No.	State/Union Territory	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002
1.	Andhra Pradesh	68	55	42	82
2.	Assam	217	—	—	—
3.	Bihar	—	136	—	—
4.	Chandigarh	—	1	1	1
5.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1	1	—	1
6.	Goa	2	—	—	—
7.	Jammu & Kashmir	54	—	—	—
8.	Orissa	—	111	117	—
9.	Madhya Pradesh	189	—	414	481
10.	Maharashtra	6	6	—	—
11.	Karnataka	—	142	142	—
12.	Rajasthan	619	—	—	—
13.	Sikkim	1	—	—	—
14.	Tripura	127	—	—	127
15.	Uttar Pradesh	690	735	735	1
16.	West Bengal	—	—	—	20 (For Book bank)
17.	Kerala	—	—	42	—
	TOTAL	1974	1187	1493	713

Ranking of Central and State Universities

1142. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI:
SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased